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Dear Sir:

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Patent No. 6,005,861 by Humpleman, Filed March 3, 1999; Title: HOME MULTIMEDIA NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

Patent No. 5,886,732 by Humpleman, Filed November 22, 1995; Title: SET-TOP ELECTRONICS AND NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT ARRANGEMENT

Patent No. 5,982,445 by Eyer, Filed October 21, 1996; Title: HYPERTEXT MARKUP LANGUAGE PROTOCOL FOR TELEVISION DISPLAY AND CONTROL

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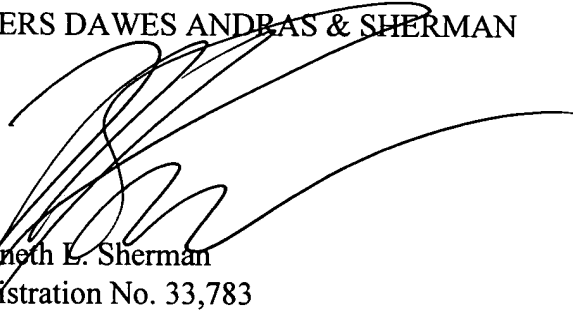
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Copies of these documents are attached herewith, and are listed on the PTO

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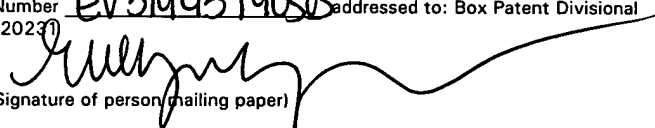
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